

# FACT SHEET

## *PBS MEDICATION CHART FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS*

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### **Overview**

The introduction of the Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme (PBS) Hospital Medication Chart (HMC) provides an additional PBS option for health practitioners to prescribe PBS medicines, and for pharmacy providers to claim for PBS medicines in the PBS hospital care setting.

### **Objective**

The PBS HMC for Public and Private Hospitals aims to improve the safety of medication management in Australian hospitals through standardised medication charting and medication management practice. It helps to reduce the administrative burden on hospitals by providing an alternative option for the prescribing, dispensing, and claiming of PBS medicines in these settings.

### **Implementation**

Phase One (completed) involved the development of the paper-based PBS HMC by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) and the trial of the chart in selected hospitals. The trial evaluation summary is now available on the [Commission's website](#).

Phase 2 will involve the development of an electronic PBS HMC to allow for electronic prescribing, dispensing and claiming of PBS medicines in the hospital setting from March 2017.

### **Key Features**

The PBS HMC enables the prescribing, dispensing and claiming of eligible PBS and RPBS medicines directly from a patient's medication chart in public and private hospitals without the need for a separate PBS stationery form.

The PBS HMC is now available for use enabling the prescribing, dispensing, and claiming of the following PBS medicines:

- General Schedule PBS medicines
- Authority Required (STREAMLINED) PBS medicines
- Authority Required (telephone/electronically approved) PBS medicines
- PBS discharge medicines under PBS Reform arrangements
- Section 100 programs whereby a PBS prescription is required, such as:
  - Highly Specialised Drugs
  - Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy

- Botulinum Toxin Program items
- Growth Hormone Program items
- IVF Program items
- Complex Authority Required/Authority Required (written) items (CARs)
- Controlled medicines, e.g. 'Schedule 8' medicines (these medicines must only be prescribed and supplied from a PBS HMC in accordance with State and Territory legislation).

The following medicines can be charted on the PBS hospital medication chart as a medicine administration record but are not eligible for supply or claiming from the PBS HMC. Supply and claiming processes, which mandate a paper prescription, will remain in place for:

- Emergency Drug (Prescriber/Dr Bag) Supply items
- Non-PBS trastuzumab HerceptinR
- Section 100 Opiate Dependence Program items (ODTP).
- Life Saving Drugs (LSD Program)
- Aids and Appliances (Stoma, Appliance Scheme and Paraquad)